1	2	3
31.	Deoghar	14
32.	Dhanbad	43
33.	Giridih	49
34.	Hazaribagh	62
35.	Palamau	68
36.	Lohardaga	20
37.	Gumla	40
38.	Ranchi	68
39.	Singhbhum	68
	TOTAL	2209

[English]

Release of Fishermen

2287. SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :
SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Pakistan have released some fishermen/other persons detained by them; and

(b) if so, the number of fisherman/other persons detained in the jails in both the countries and number of them released both by India and Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI KAMALA SINHA): (a) and (b): During the Foreign Secretary level talks between India and Pakistan held in Islamabad from 19-23 June, 1997 it was decided that fishermen/crew members of fishing vessels/cargo boats confirmed by both countries to be held in each other's custody would be released. Accordingly India released 194 Pakistani fishermen and crew members and Pakistan released 193 Indian fishermen and crew members on 15th July, 1997. The Indian fishermen and crew members returned to India on 15.07.97.

During the Foreign Secretary level talks, it was also agreed that efforts would be made to confirm the remaining fishermen and crew members held in each other's custody. Government are pursuing the matter with the Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels. Our efforts for the release/repatriation of all Indian prisoners under detention in Pakistan, including the remaining Indian fishermen and crew members continue.

[Translation]

Vacant Reserved Posts

2288. SHRI KACHARU BHAU RAUT:
SHRI N.J. RATHWA

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of posts reserved for SCs/STs lying vacant in his Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and its allied departments category-wise;

(b) whether non-SC/ST employees are working on these posts;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to fill up the back log of SC/ST; and

(e) the time by which these posts are likely to be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a): As per information available as on 31st March, 1997, the following category-wise posts to be filled by Direct Recruitment Method and reserved for SCs/STs are lying vacant in the Department of the Ministry of Health and F.W. and its subordinate offices;

S.No.	Group	SCs	STs
1.	'A'	5	19
2.	'B'	1	-
3.	'C'	74	136
4.	'D'	-	4

(b) Non-SC/ST employees are not appointed on a regular basis to the posts reserved for SC/ST.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) From time to time, the Government has launched Special Recruitment Drives to fill up the posts reserved for SC/ST. Efforts are made to fill up the backlog vacancies by sending requisitions to the UPSC/SSC/Others (advertisements issued/requisition sent to Employment Exchange) by this Ministry and its allied departments.

(e) Efforts are being made to fill up the posts as early as possible. However no time frame can be prescribed.

[English]

Employment Abroad

2289. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether North Korea/South Korea has offered jobs to skilled labour from India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to avail of such a facility; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR) : (a) to (d): The Korean Government had announced a new policy decision to allow entry of limited number of foreign workers in the Korean market. Government of India is examining the matter regarding the possibility of Indian workers going to South Korea for work.

Immunisation

2290. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR:
DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the family welfare and vaccination programmes are not being carried out efficiently and smoothly in some of the State in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the names of such states where the aforesaid programme is not being implemented properly; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government to run these programmes smoothly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) to (c) The Family Welfare Programme being a centrally sponsored one, is voluntary and its acceptance level depends on factors like effectiveness of State Government set up and of NGOs in the area, Socio-Economic conditions, literacy and status of women in the community. The performance is comparatively weak in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir and in North Eastern States.

(d): Keeping in view the wide awareness already created, the effort now is to improve the quality of services for the people. Various programmes have been integrated into one integrated programme designated "Reproductive and Child Health". The system of setting contraceptive targets from the top has been replaced by decentralised planning of services at the level of the Primary Health Centre. In the IXth Plan, the States, Districts which are lagging behind are proposed to be given greater attention.

[Translation]

Vacant Posts

2291. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts belonging to ST/OBC lying vacant under his Ministry/department, category-wise; and

(b) the details of the steps taken by the Government to fill up these vacancies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b) The information is being gathered and will be placed on the Table of the House.

Shortage of Homoeopath Doctors

2292. SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 4630 dated May 5, 1997 regarding Homoeopathy System of Medicine and state:

(a) whether the required information has been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which the information is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY) : (a) and (b) Information has not yet been received from NCT Government of Delhi.

(c): The concerned authorities have been reminded. As soon as the information is available, it will be laid on the table of the Sabha.

[English]

Delayed Projects

2293. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has asked the Central Ministries and State Governments to follow certain criteria for deciding the fate of projects which have been considerably delayed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNAMALA D. SAVANOOR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The guidelines for classification of Plan and Non-Plan expenditure during the Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002) issued to the Central Government, State Governments and UTs inter alia state that projects due for completion by the